ceedeth of nothing else but from their lack of undei standing and knowing the wonderful imperfections and failings that belong to muskets and musketeeis in the field by reason of the heaviness of their pieces, nor are harquebusieis of gieater advantage, being more uncertain of their aim so that if they discharge at ten, eleven, or twelve score paces distant at the archers, it will be found that in ten thousand of their shot they would not hit so many as ten archers

znd May ' THE TAMING OF A SHREW '

The play of *A Pleasant conceited Histoiy called the Taming of a Shrew,* is to be printed, a play that was sundry times acted by the Earl of Pembroke's players

%rd May GREAT FLOODS

Yesterday in Sussex and Surrey there came down great water floods by reason of sudden showers of hail and ram that have fallen, which bare down houses, iron-mills, the provision of coals prepared for the mills, and earned away cattle

SIR NICHOLAS CLIFFORD AND THE ORDER OF ST MICHAEL

Sir Nicholas Clifford, that was imprisoned in the Tower for receiving the order of St Michael from the French King, finding that his former letters to the Queen are received with displeasure hath now sent her the order to be disposed as she considereth best, and petitioneth for enlargement

qth May SHAKESPEARE'S [c] THE RAPE OF LUCRECE [3]

The Rape oj Lucre ce, a poem written by William Shakespeare, is entered, and dedicated, as was his *Venus and Adonis,* to the Earl of Southampton In the dedication the poet toucheth upon the favours which he hath received * The warrant I have of your honourable disposition, not

the worth of my untutored lines makes it assured of acceptance What I have done is yours, what I have to do is yours ? being part in all I have devoted yours Were my worth greater my duty would show greater ' This poem telleth of the ravishing of the chaste Lucrece by the tyrant Tarquin, and of his everlasting banishment therefor